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NO INJURIES AS FIREFIGHTERS BATTLE HOUSE FIRE

SUFFOLK, VA (February 3, 2010) The cause of an early morning fire that heavily damaged a single-story residence remains under investigation. Suffolk Fire and Rescue through Emergency Communications received the report of a structure fire in the 3800 blk. of Pruden Blvd. just after 2 a.m. When units arrived at the scene, heavy smoke was observed in the roadway. Rt. 460 (Pruden Blvd) had to be closed, both east- and west-bound, due to poor visibility. Firefighters battled the blaze to the wooden framed residence for approximately two hours before it was deemed under control.

Firefighters were advised by subjects at the scene that an elderly male lived in the residence. They later learned that he was out of state. No firefighters were injured during the incident.

Suffolk Fire Marshals Office responded to the scene. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.